

# Youth Initiative Program

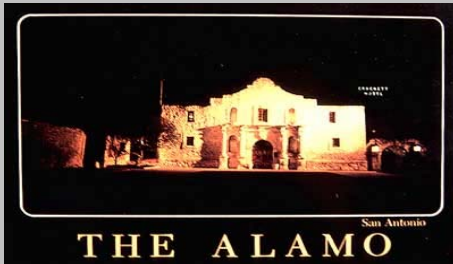
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## MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2005, at the Alamo Conference Center.



The Alamo is located at 820 N. Raynor, El Paso, Tx. Please make plans to attend. For information call the Youth Initiative Program (YIP) office at (915) 298-9600.



## Calling all cars! Calling all cars! YIP needs board games for kids!

CEPCO, Central El Paso Community Organization, under the direction of Pat Maruffo (front center), is a grass-roots organization that provides a safe place for about 35-40 youth in central El Paso. The summer program provides recreational/educational activities and outings. This is a call for new and/or used games to donate to the facility at 1010 E. Yandell. If you have games to donate, please take them to the YIP meeting on July 21st.



## Who's Targeting Your School? Your Role in School Safety

The El Paso Police Department's Secure Our Schools and Youth Initiative Program will host a free conference, "Your Role in School Safety", on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at the Airport Hilton from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Target audience is school communities and those affiliated in any capacity. It is open to the public, and parents will find it beneficial as well. Registration forms will be available at the July 21st YIP meeting. Register to reserve placement; limited seating. Contact: Araceli Salcedo at (915) 298-9600 or SalcedoA@elpasotexas.gov.



## Commander Michael Czerwinsky Retires After 28 Years Of Service

The NERC was a flurry of congratulations and farewells at the annual 4th of July cookout luncheon, held on July 1st. Annually, the Transmountain Optimists, under the direction of Carl Robinson, provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and all the trimmings for the NERC and CAC sections. Congratulations and farewell to Commander Michael Czerwinsky who has accepted the position, Chief of Police Services for the Socorro Independent School District.

## National Night Out 2005

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Night Out has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Neighborhoods across America will be promoting crime prevention, police community partnerships, and neighborhood unity. To get involved locally, contact your nearest crime prevention officers at any of the Police Regional Command Centers.

## El Paso City-County Health & Environmental District Community Health Preparedness Program



Is sponsoring a bi national workshop on:  
**Topics on Public Health Preparedness**

Workshop 1: Field Epidemiology  
Workshop 2: Isolation and Quarantine

July 8th, 2005. Holiday Inn Airport 6655 Gateway West. El Paso, Texas 79925. For more information and to register for the workshop please call Yuri Orozco at (915) 751-8600. Workshop is limited to 50 participants.

## West Nile Virus Discovered In East El Paso

Due to the discovery of West Nile Virus in east El Paso County, The Health District suggests following the **4 D's** to reduce your risk of exposure: **DAWN AND DUSK**-Avoid outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. **DRESS**- If you are outside, cover up by wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, shoes and socks. **DEET**- Use mosquito repellent with DEET. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions for use. **DRAIN**- Eliminate mosquito-breeding sites, such as standing water in tires, plastic containers or any other type of container that can hold water. Eliminate standing water on your property.

## YWCA Seeks Racial Justice Ambassador Award Nominations

The YWCA is seeking nominations for the 2005 Ambassador Award. The nominee must be an employee of the YWCA and must have served as a role model in demonstrating a consistent commitment to the YWCA Racial Justice Core Values of respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation through proactive behaviors, interactions, activities, mentoring and participation in like-value programs. Contact the [ywcaelpaso.org](http://ywcaelpaso.org) for nomination form (must be received by July 15, 2005), or call Rosie Mendoza, 577-9922, ext. 261.



**SOS Coordinators Esther Mata & Araceli Salcedo, Officer Alberto Chavez with Congressman Reyes at the Bio-Terrorism Conference. The El Paso City-County Health & Environmental District hosted the event.**

## Farewell And Thank You Esther Mata ...

YIP would like to say "Thank You" to Esther Mata and to wish her lots of luck in her new career with the Socorro School District as a Special Ed Counselor. Esther had been a coordinator for the EPPD MARS and SOS programs for two years. "Good Luck, Esther!"

## The Incentive Group Offers Leadership/Team Building Seminar

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., September 1, 2005  
Vista Del Sol Conference Center, 11189 Rojas.  
\$125 includes everything: social work and LPC CEUs, continental breakfast, afternoon snacks and Southwestern cuisine lunch.

**Purpose:** Enjoy a brief respite from the stress; laugh while you learn new skills to enhance production; get new ideas to give you an upbeat and creative approach to everyday situations.

**Agenda:** Sign in and enjoy a continental breakfast. Laugh while you learn a few basic driver safety skills from Patrick Candelaria. Jaime Barceleau will teach leadership skills in an energetic and interactive session. The lunch guest speaker will be Gilbert Guillen, CEO, Border Health Institute. Lynne Boutwell will teach Team Building for Dummies, and Praise and Recognition will be presented by Letty West, President of The Incentive Group. Call Lydia at 544-8484 to reserve your spot. Registration deadline is Friday, August 26, 2005.



**CERT team members go hands on in Basic First Aid Classes**

## CERT Training Schedule

The El Paso Police Department is offering free CERT courses (Community Emergency Response Training) through December 2005 at the Police Academy, 2300 Scenic Drive. CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. If a disastrous event delays professional response, CERT members can assist other by applying the basic response and organization skills to help save and sustain lives until help arrive. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

The 20-hr. courses will be held on Tuesdays thru Thursday from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. - 4p.m. on the following dates: July 12-14 & 16<sup>th</sup>, August 16-18 & 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 13-15 & 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 11-13 & 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 15-17 & 19<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 6-8 & 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Information: 562-4263, ext. 28.**



## Mailbox Theft Tips

EL PASO, TEXAS – The El Paso Police Department and the United States Postal Service would like to warn the community about mailbox thefts and to take precautions when sending or receiving mail.

### If you believe that you have been the victim of mail theft, here are a few steps to follow:

Report the incident to the Police Department at (915) 832-4400. Report the incident to your local post office and postal inspector. Contact your bank and credit card holders. Check your bank and credit card statements for unexplained transactions.

### To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of mail theft, here are a few tips:

Put a lock on your mailbox. Whenever possible take your outgoing mail, especially checks, to the post office. Do not have checks delivered to your home. Whenever possible have your neighbor pick up your mail as soon as it is delivered, if you are not going to be home. Ban together with your neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Report suspicious activity immediately.

Mail theft often leads to identity theft. The thieves use your personal information to steal your identity and your good credit. If anyone has information on possible subjects involved in mailbox theft they are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at (915) 566-TIPS (8477) and remain anonymous.



Safety Town Kids Watching Videos

## Bassett Place Hosts Safety Town for the 39<sup>th</sup> Year

Did you know that a tradition in the El Paso area has been Bassett Place's Safety Town? During the summer months, children ages 5 and 6, learn about safety in a fun and exciting way at Safety Town. Kids learn about stranger danger, fire, electrical and water safety from new videos as well as from the police officers.

## Ride Horses in the Gila



Girls, ages 12-17: spend a week riding horses through challenging mountain trails from a wilderness base camp; July 17-23; cost \$295; \$100 deposit w/registration. See the beautiful Gila Wilderness from high on mountain tops and from the streams below. Contact the Rio Grande Girl Scouts at 915-566-9433 or 800-895-7390. Adults can attend as volunteers.



## Disability Conference Needs Exhibitors

Volar Center for Independent Living is calling for exhibitors for the Our Lives Disability Conference, which will be held on August 19, 2005 at the Camino Real Hotel. Registration for non-profits is \$100; for-profits \$175; includes lunch for one person. Call (915) 591-0800 for exhibit, sponsor, or conference participation information.



## Red Ribbon Calendar 2005

Red Ribbon is a national event honoring Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a DEA Special Agent who was killed in 1985 by drug traffickers. The Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition is seeking information on all Red Ribbon events for an area-wide Promotions Calendar. To be included please call RGSC at (915) 775-2555.

### Keep El Paso Beautiful

Keep El Paso Beautiful now has fully stocked tool sheds just waiting to be used to keep El Paso beautiful. All necessary items (push brooms, shovels, rakes, gas weed eater, gloves, trash bags) for a beautification and/or clean-up project are available to any person or group at no charge to the public. Tool Sheds are located at the following Fire Stations: #23 at 5315 Threadgill, 751-5112; #13 at 3801 Ft. Blvd., 565-6092; #22 at 6500 N. Mesa, 584-2721; #18 at 7901 San Jose, 598-9564; #29 at 11977 Pellicano, 849-9139; #10 at 1801 Montana, 533-3260; #14 at 6300 Delta, 778-2317; #25 at 10834 Ivanhoe, 591-7968. For more information: Kim Prieto, Community Coordinator at 546-6742 or 276-3767.

### Thank You! YIP Partners

YIP would like to thank Chris Acosta from the Clardy Fox Library, Cindy Peters from Love of Life Pregnancy Center, and Esther Mata from Secure Our Schools for responding to the call at the May YIP meeting and helping a family in need. A hand up, builds up. Great networking!

### Speaker's Bureau –

El Paso MH/MR has a listing of speakers who are available to give presentations about their various services. Located at 1600 Montana, MH/MR has recently sponsored a number of outreach events in order to get this information out to the community so that those who need help will know how to access it. Contact: Irais Galvez at 351-4684, ext. 101.

### The Dog Days Of Summer...

Howl for your presence at the first annual animal care and safety fair to be sponsored by the El Paso Police Department's Westside Regional Command Citizen's Board (CAB). The free event will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2005, at White Spur Park, 4800 Love Rd., from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The CAB is seeking booth participants to provide information about animal care and safety. Booths are free; please provide giveaways. If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Alice Shashy at 833-4090, e-mail [mashashy@hotmail.com](mailto:mashashy@hotmail.com) or Officer Curtis Whitener at 585-6088 or e-mail [WhitenerC@ci.el-paso.tx.us](mailto:WhitenerC@ci.el-paso.tx.us).

### “Fill the Boot” for Muscular Dystrophy Association

The El Paso Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, along with the El Paso Fire Fighters and the Fort Bliss Fire Fighters, held a “Fill the Boot” fund raiser at five intersections in El Paso on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this event will support local services provided by the MDA. They will hold two additional drives this year, one in August and one in December. Permits have been issued by Building Inspection, Mr. Alan Shubert. The El Paso Police Department supports this initiative and asks for your cooperation in furthering this cause.

### Thank You! Boys & Girls Club

YIP extends a big thanks to Emily Garcia, Boys & Girls Club of El Paso, for providing Krispy Kreme donuts at the June 16th YIP meeting; 103 attended. YIP also extends grateful appreciation to the Woodmen of the World for providing the table top sized U.S. flags with stands for YIP members.



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